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THE MOVEMENT OF TIME

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We talk about the movement of time but does time move, or does movement occur in time? This is a fundamental question in the philosophy of time that philosophers and physicists are still trying to answer. Interestingly, one of the most original and shockingly contemporary answers to this question was given by the first-century Roman poet Lucretius almost two millennia ago. Lucretius believed that nature was composed of continually moving matter whose spontaneous swerving loci). Some ancient philosophers and scientists believed that time was linear, others that it was cyclical. Virtually no one thought it was 'inde- terminate'. So, unfortunately, Lucretius'

theory of time sounded so strange that it was either ignored or misinterpreted as a reference to the soul's freedom. It was not until the French philosopher Gilles Deleuze returned to this idea in his 1969 book, Logique du sens, that Lucretius' theory of time's 'swerve' was taken seriously.

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